(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) No wide-spread racket has been noticed. However, one institution has come to the adverse notice of the Delhi Police. During investigation, all the five participants in the racket were traced and arrested. More than forty printing blocks and facsimile stamps were recovered and the printing press was also taken into possession. 137 blank degree certificates including 34 of Delhi University were recovered. Four of these are in respect of MBBS Course under Delhi University. 1677 matriculation and other certificates of Haryana Board and Central Board were also recovered. In addition, 641 bank mark sheets of these Boards were seized. The case is pending investigation.

Justice denied for 30 years

2178. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Justice denied for 30 years" appearing in the "Indian Express" dated February 16, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) State of facts is attached.

Statement

A contractor preferred a claim of Rs. 42,646.30 on 3rd September, 1960 and requested to decide it through an Arbitrator. The Sole Arbitrator awarded a sum of Rs. 2.800 to be paid to the contractor. The award was not accepted by the Contractor who filed a Suit No. 84 of 1961 in the Court of Sub-judge, Bhagalpur. The award was made rule of the Court by Sub-judge, Bhagalpur. Thereafter the Contractor and the Railways have been alternatively appealing in the Court. The present position is that a notice from the Supreme Court was received by the Railway that the Contractor has filed a Writ Petition alongwith application for ex-parts stay of the proceedings. Copy of the Writ Petition and application for stay was not received by the Railway alongwith the Supreme Court Notice for which efforts are being made to obtain the same.

The delay in settlement of the case has been due to non-cooperative attitude of the Contractor.

Taxi incident at the Trivandrum Airport

2179. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 27th February, 1987 at Trivandrum Airport, a taxi carrying an airforce Officer, nearly caused a major mishap by intruding into the tramac while an airbus was about to take off;

(b) whether the mishap was averted only by the pilot's action in applying brakes quickly and swerving the aircraft to one side;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been made and action taken on the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) On 29th December, 1987, a pilot from Aviation Research Centre drove a car through the operational area to the technical complex at Trivandrum Airport. At that time, an aircraft was just taxying out from the apron. The car went to the apron by the side of the taxi track and thus did not involve any safety hazard to the aircraft. The car was intercepted and the occupants questioned. They regretted taking the vehicle through the operational area without permission and the matter was closed after a warning.